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COUNTRY **East Germany**

REPORT

SUBJECT **VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen:
Television Tube Production**

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1. VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen received in the period mid-December 1955 through 4 January 1956, 6,229 twelve-inch glass blanks for television tubes from Weisswasser.¹ In mid-January 1956, the plant received 31 17-inch glass blanks from the same glass works. The quality of both sizes of glass blanks was relatively poor since a higher percentage than normal broke during production. The 77 17-inch glass blanks previously received [redacted] are being processed by VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen. In addition, a total of 3,500 17-inch glass blanks are to be supplied [redacted] by August 1956. A sample shipment of four glass blanks, 17-inch size, has proven to be of good quality.²
2. The preparations for conveyor-belt assembly of 17-inch television tubes on the third floor of the plant have now been completed. Production on this conveyor system is to be initiated promptly.
3. Dr. Guenther Ulrich, "Meritorious Inventor of the People" and chief of the experimental office of VEB Werk fuer Fernmeldewesen, has left the plant and has been appointed professor and chief of the Institute for Telecommunications Techniques at the Technical University of Ilmenau.³

Comments

1. Believed to be VEB Spezialglaswerk Einheit Weisswasser, although [redacted] possibility of procuring the blanks from VVB "Ostglas" Weisswasser.
2. [redacted]
3. [redacted]
4. [redacted] Comment. A sketch of proposed new building construction at the WF Werk appears on the following page.

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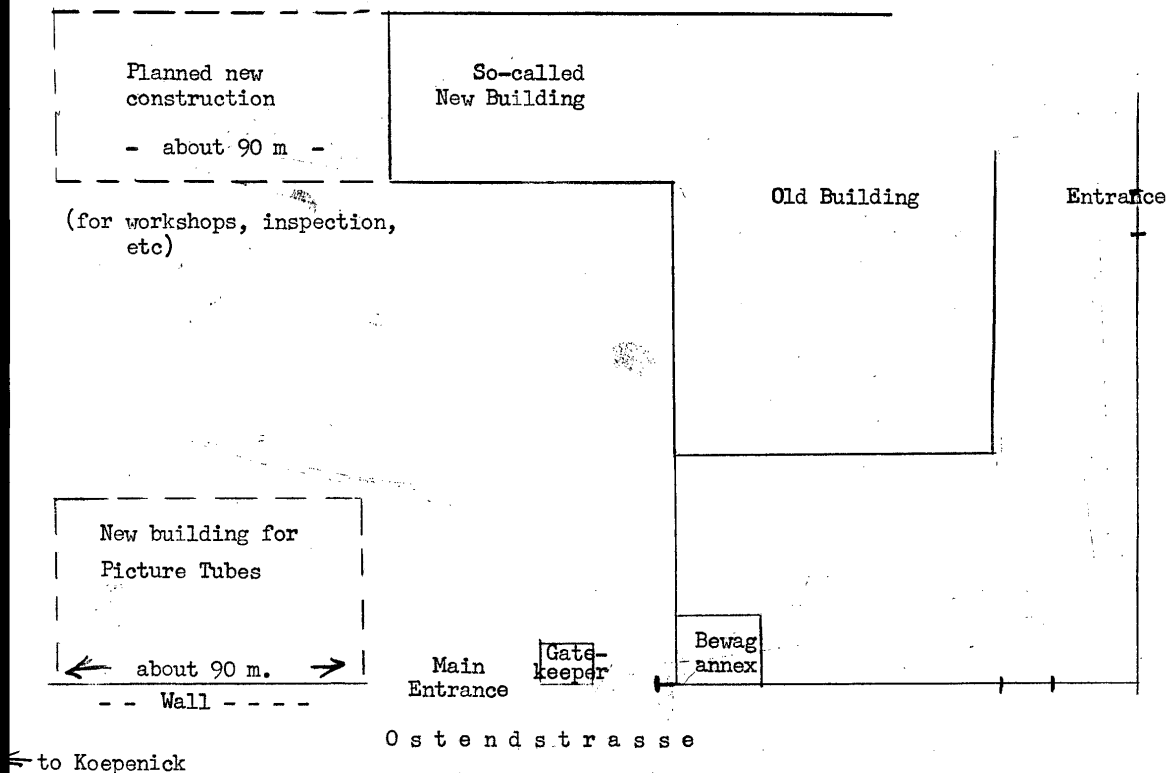
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The following is a sketch (not to scale) of proposed construction at the WF Werk. This construction is to be begun in the spring of 1956.



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